

NISSCO AWARDS EARTH FRIENDLY PRODUCTS SUPPLIER PARTNER SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

National Independent Sanitary Supply Companies (NISSCO) recognizes the sustainability efforts of Earth Friendly Products (EFP) by awarding the company its first Supplier Partner Sustainability Award. The presentation

Vlahakis-Hanks, vice-president, in the Earth Friendly Products booth (number 3675) on Wednesday, November 10 at 11 AM.

Earth Friendly Products, known for pioneering 100% sustainable, plant-based cleaning technology, recently completed the largest commercial solar panel installation in the state of Illinois at its corporate headquarters located in Addison, Ill. Its other manufacturing plants are in the midst of similar solar installations.



Shown above (l. to r.) are Keith Marcoe, President, NISSCO, Mark Bozich, Ex. VP NISSCO, John Vlahakis, President, EFP, Kelly Vlahakis, VP EFP and Luke Bobeck, Director of Institutional and Industrial Division, EFP.

will be made to John Vlahakis, president of Earth Friendly Products and Kelly

technology with 312 panels that produce up to 67 kilowatts per hour. On a good day,

it is estimated that it is the equivalent of 67 microwaves running at the same time and should provide 60 - 80% of the energy needed to power the 104,000 square foot facility.

"Our industry has had a substantial impact on raising the general public's awareness of the environment and healthier cleaning alternatives," points out Mark Bozich, vice-president of NISSCO. "Now, our industry is moving from promoting green to the larger picture of supporting sustainability. Earth Friendly Products epitomizes a manufacturer that fully embraces sustainability and therefore the ideal recipient for NISSCO's first Supplier Partner Sustainability Award."

In addition to the solar panels, the corporate headquarters is equipped with today's most advanced environmentally preferred technologies. Since moving into the facility in early 2010, the company has been able to more than double its production to keep up with the increasing demand for its distinctive line of 100% sustainable, plant-based cleaning products.

"Our corporate headquarters illustrates our dedication to environmental

concerns that goes beyond the plant-based cleaning products we manufacture," points out John Vlahakis, president of Earth Friendly Products. "Sustainability is more than a marketing term for us, it is the way we conduct our everyday activities."

When you enter the corporate headquarters, you are walking on bamboo wood flooring, recycled hard flooring and green label carpeting. The offices contain eco-friendly furniture and the walls are painted with zero-VOC paint. All lighting is either natural or eco-friendly fluorescent. The kitchen and product testing areas contain energy-star appliances and the restrooms are equipped with low-flush toilets and high-efficiency faucets.

"In addition to the physical eco-friendly elements of our headquarters and manufacturing plants, we are also a 95% waste-free manufacturer," adds Kelly Vlahakis-Hanks, vice-president of Earth Friendly Products. "It is exciting to see how our overall sustainability efforts are not only good for the environment, but also reflect well in our operating budget's bottom line." ■